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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Southeast Asian Operational
Status

Laos

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN..... *7*

Operation LAM SON 719:

- The general level of activity during the period was moderate with occasional contacts of varying intensity.
- Vietnamese Marine elements destroyed 4,000 rounds of mortar and rocket ammunition.
- Bad weather precluded all heavy lift resupply and most tactical air missions.
- 2,700 feet of runway at the Khe Sanh airfield was damaged by a C-130 landing without a wheel. The possible use of the remaining 3,200 feet for C-130 operations is under consideration.
- Updated reports reveal that the Marine contact near Fire Support Base Delta resulted in 250 enemy KIA (vice 100).
- Two ARVN battalions plan attacks to the west and southwest to cut Route 914.
- Intercepted enemy messages indicate concern about the impact of losses on troop morale.

Cambodia

NSA, Army review completed

Operation TOAN THANG 01/71:

The level of activity continued to be light during the period.

- A mortar attack on an ARVN supply area resulted in substantial losses of ammunition.
- An ARVN task force will spearhead the 18th Infantry Division's drive into the Dambe area on March 10.

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